

## **REMARKS**

In the above-referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 32-34, 36-39, 41-43, 45-48, 51-53 and 55. The Examiner objected to claims 35, 40, 44, 49, 50, 54 and 56 but stated that these claims have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in appropriate independent form. For the reasons discussed below, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and such actions is hereby requested.

### **The Rejected Claims**

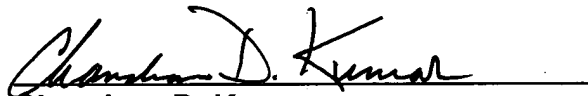
Independent claim 32 has been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter of claim 35. Independent claim 41 has been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter of claim 44. Independent claim 46 has been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter of claim 49. Because the Examiner considers claims 35, 44, and 49 in have allowable subject matter, Applicant submits that rewritten independent claims 32, 41, and 46 are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that the claims that depend from these rewritten independent claims are also in condition for allowance. Claims 35, 44, and 49 have been cancelled. Claims 40, 44, 50, 54 and 56 have been rewritten in independent form and include the recitations of the base claim and intervening claims, if any.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims have been placed in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to discuss any matter relating to this Office Action Response with applicants' attorneys. Madan, Mossman & Sriram check no. 11984 in the amount of \$950 is attached to cover the three-month extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment deemed associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 13-0010 (COR-1042-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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